Description:

The **TechGirls** program is an educational exchange initiative for approximately 25 teenage girls from the Middle East and North Africa. The three-to five-week exchange program in the United States will take place in June-July 2013, tentatively June 25—July 18, 2013 and will focus on promoting the high-level study of applied technology. Eligible participants will be high school girls, aged 15 to 17 years old, who already have a demonstrated aptitude and strong interest in the field of technology. The program aims to empower girls to pursue higher education and careers in technology; link peers who share interests and abilities; develop the leadership skills of the participants; promote mutual understanding among the peoples of the United States and the countries and territories of the Middle East and North Africa.

Eligibility Requirements:
Ideal candidates must:

- be between the ages of 15 and 17 as of June 1, 2013 (born after June 1, 1996, and before June 1, 1998);
- have demonstrated advanced skills and a serious interest in technology, engineering, and/or math in their academic studies;
- intend to pursue higher education and careers in technology;
- have strong English language skills;
- be excited about learning;
- exhibit maturity, flexibility, and open-mindedness; and
- attend at least one more semester of secondary school upon their return to their home country.

Application Instructions:
Completed applications must include:

- Completed Application Coversheet Form
- Completed Application Form
- 1 Recommendation Letter (can be from school or another institution).
- Copy of passport (if available)
- Copy of school transcript (please do not submit original transcripts). Transcripts are the official document from the applicant's school showing the student's scores, grades etc for previous years of study.

Please submit your applications as below:

Step 1:   Complete your application electronically then print it.
Step 2:   Envelope:
              -Write your full name on the envelope.
              -List the program name and number on the envelope.
              -Do not seal the envelop.
Step 3:   Delivery:
              -Applications will be accepted **ONLY** from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Sunday through Thursday (work days only).
              -Applications must be **HAND** delivered to the Power Checkpoint guard at the North Gate of the U.S. Embassy (8 Kamal El Din Salah Street, Garden City).
              -Applications must be delivered in **OPEN** envelopes.

For any inquiries, please contact us by e-mail at ExchangesCairo@state.gov with the program name in the subject line.

Please check this link for application and for more details about the program: http://egypt.usembassy.gov/pa/xchgs.html

Deadline for Applications: February 12, 2013 at 2:00 PM